

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE DUE TO INCREASED ANIMALS POPULATION

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the action being taken by the Government to check the growth in population of wild animals like Neelgaay and Monkeys which are creating havoc in the farm areas and cities respectively; and

(b) the reasons which have forced these wild animals to flee forest area and take shelter in villages and cities ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Adequate provisions have been made in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 to manage the population growth of wild animals including neelgais and monkeys that become dangerous to human life or farm crops. Recently 250 problematic monkeys of Delhi were translocated to the forests in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Destruction and fragmentation of the natural habitat, disturbance due to biotic pressure and intensive farming along the fringes are the major factors that force these wild animals to leave their natural habitat and take shelter in villages and cities.